



ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 1979

TO: Division File

FROM: John Taylor

SUBJECT: Peoria County - LPC 14380801
Peoria/Janson

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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The Janson Landfill was inspected on July 24, 1979, by John Taylor. The site was observed to be in violation of the Act, various Rules and Regulation, a Pollution Control Board Order, and an Order of the Circuit Court in Peoria County.

Charles Janson was interviewed at the time of the inspection. Janson feels that his site is in basic compliance with the court order. It was observed that although the site looks somewhat better than it used to, there has been little real improvement. Janson has placed some cover material on most of the site, but is now using auto shredder wastes, a special waste, as cover material. He apparently believes that it is dirt. The waste is being hauled to the site from A. Miller and Company, a local scrap metal dealer.

The underground fires at the site continue to burn. Janson apparently believes that they are "steam vents". The acrid smoke convincingly proves otherwise. When confronted with the number of complaints from the nearby residents Janson then claims they are smelling someone else's smoke, not his.? He apparently intends to do nothing about it.

He does not have any apparent interest in obtaining an operating permit. To politely paraphrase his comment concerning obtaining the necessary operating permit, he said that if they (the EPA) wanted him to have a permit they would have sent him one a long time ago.

It is apparent that he has never really stopped accepting garbage at this site. Janson and Deemie brought 9 loads of refuse to Tazewell County Landfill in June and 2 loads in July. They brought 1 load on July 13, 1979 and 1 load on July 14, 1979. They have no record of his using the site any other time in July. Bartonville Disposal, Janson's Company, has a charge account at Tazewell County Landfill and as far as Shirley Smucker, the record keeper at the site, knows they have charged all their disposal fees to the account. The records indicate that Bartonville Disposal has only deposited 11 loads of refuse at the site as of July 24, 1979, six weeks after the Court Order. Janson stated to me on July 24, 1979 that Tazewell County Landfill is the only site he uses. The only other site besides his own, evidently. Later in the conversation he complained that they can't complete some of their pick up routes and get to the landfill by 4:30p.m., the usual closing time. He apparently must feel that this constitutes some justification for using his own site in violation of the court order.

In summation it appears as though Janson would have us believe he has complied with the Court Order of June 12, 1979. He seems to feel that by complying with this order, he will absolve himself of all guilt, past and present, and be free to operate his site happily ever after. Unusual logic to say the least. Unfortunately he wasn't even able to comply with the few simple terms mandated in the order. Unknownst to him his problems are far from over.

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cc: Land FOS Manager
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